

## COVID-19: MEPs call for €300 million EU pledge to the Vaccine Alliance

**Parliament's Committee on Development is calling for the EU to make an ambitious pledge of €300 million to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, during the Global Vaccine Summit on 4 June.**

In a [letter](#)

addressed to the European Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen ahead of the Global Vaccine Summit in London, MEPs from most political groups are urging the Commission to show global leadership by continuing to support smart investment to prevent diseases, protect the next generation with vaccines, and create a healthier, safer and more prosperous world.

### **Saving up to 8 million lives by 2025**

These resources will contribute to raising at least US\$ 7.4 billion for 2021-25 to help immunise 300 million children in lower-income countries against deadly diseases, saving up to 8 million lives. This funding will also ensure that the immunisation systems needed to deliver a COVID-19 vaccine are sustained throughout the pandemic.

Over the past two decades, Gavi has helped to immunise more than 760 million children, saving more than 13 million lives. Over that time, the Alliance has also worked to strengthen health systems in the world's poorest countries and establish vaccine stockpiles against serious global health security threats, including Ebola. This immense progress is now under threat. Since March 2020, COVID-19 has disrupted life-saving immunisation services in lower-income countries around the world, putting millions of children at risk of diseases like diphtheria, measles and polio.

In response to the international calls to action against COVID-19, Gavi is working with partners to fast-track a vaccine against the virus that can be rolled out equitably once available, strengthen health systems and avoid a double penalty by controlling other infectious diseases.

The European Commission has contributed €270 million since 2003 when it first joined the Alliance and has been a strong supporter ever since.

## Further information

[Letter to the European Commission](#)  
[Global Pledge Summit for Vaccine Webpage](#)  
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